

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, April 28, 2019

9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

Second Sunday of Easter

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Living God, for whom no door is closed and no heart is locked, we pray that you would bring us the good news of Easter once again. Draw us beyond our doubts, and breathe on us with your abundant life, so that where we cannot see clearly we may have the courage to walk forward in faith, receiving the fullness of Christ's blessing. Amen.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed!**

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE "Joyful, Joyful! We Adore Thee" arr. Kelsey

* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 150

Leader: Praise the Lord!
Praise God in God's sanctuary;
praise God in God's mighty firmament.
People: **Praise God for God's mighty deeds;
praise God according to God's surpassing greatness!**

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

All: **Let us worship God!**

* HYMN OF PRAISE No. 246 TRURO

"Christ Is Alive!"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good and gracious God, forgive us for staying in the shallow waters of our faith. We have been afraid to try new things, and remain stuck in old ways. We let our hopes for the future become small and manageable, instead of trusting that nothing is impossible with you. We have been too careful with your grace, instead of spreading it with abundance and abandon. Mold us and make us into your new creation, O Lord. Help us not only to hear the good news of Easter, but to live in ways that are governed by the wonder and mystery of your love. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

* GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal, No. 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 9:00 Chloe Elaine King

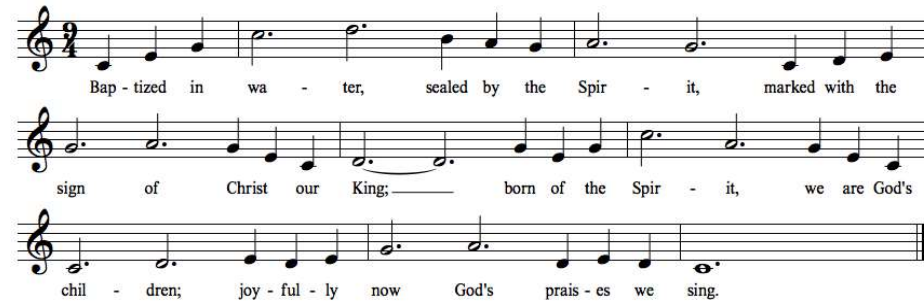
William Henry Ballinger, IV

11:15 Marshall Davis Reid

Presentation
Questions to the Parents
Question to the Congregation
Thanksgiving over the Water
Baptism
Prayer

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Welcome and Congregational Response



Children in K5-First grade leave for Children's Church.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 5:27-32 N.T., p. 889

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 N.T., p. 883

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Ben Dorr

"Missing Easter"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER Hymn No. 240

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal page 35, Traditional

OFFERING

Solo 9:00 "Alleluia" Mozart

Anthem 11:15 Beethoven

Hallelujah from "Christ on the Mount of Olives"

* Doxology (Hymnal, No. 606)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication

* HYMN No. 233 "The Day of Resurrection" LANCASHIRE

* CHARGE & BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE 11:15 Tanzanian Melody

"Christ Has Arisen"

* POSTLUDE "Now Herald We the King" Paxton

*All who are able may stand

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HEAD USHERS: 9:00 a.m. Ross Glidewell
11:15 a.m. Sam White, Jr.
SPONSORS: 9:00 a.m. Grier Mullins
11:15 a.m. Ted Gentry
GREETERS: 9:00 a.m. Michael Dixon, Pete Roe
Steve Johnson
11:15 a.m. Becca Donohue, Brian Blount
Rita Barker
LITURGIST: Amos Workman
LAY READERS: 9:00 a.m. Hunter Williams
11:15 a.m. Kayla Burrell
ACOLYTES: 9:00 a.m. Rollins Beck
11:15 a.m. Laney Palmer, Louisa Palmer

PARKING

We have permission to use the parking lots at the Uniform Shop and Augusta Commons Mall.

TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICER

A Greenville city police officer will be on duty from 9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. to help people cross the street from the other side of Augusta Road.

STREAMING

All worship services at Westminster are broadcast via live video streaming. Navigate to the home page of the church website at www.wpc-online.org and click the link "Worship via Live Streaming."

BAPTISM

This morning at the 9:00 a.m. worship service, we welcome the following into our fellowship:

- *Chloe Elaine King*, daughter of John & Cameron King.
- *William Henry Ballinger, IV*, son of Bill & Erin Ballinger.

This morning at the 11:15 a.m. worship service, we welcome into our fellowship:

- *Marshall Davis Reid*, son of Allen & Katie Reid.

INTERESTED IN JOINING WESTMINSTER?

Visitors interested in learning more about Westminster Presbyterian Church, membership here, and what it means to be Presbyterian are invited to attend our New Member Class from **8:30–10:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 19**. Those who have been baptized and who wish to become members may do so on **Sunday, May 19**, during the **11:15 a.m.** worship service or on a future new member Sunday. If you are interested in joining us, please contact *Jennifer Dillard* (jdillard@wpc-online.org) at 232-2424.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR HOG DAY!

Mark your calendar for a church-wide day of service at Carolina High on **Saturday, May 4** from **8 a.m.-12 p.m.** Hands on Greenville is a community wide service initiative sponsored by the United Way. WPC is a named sponsor of the event, and we're thrilled to partner with Carolina High to help them clean up their campus. We hope you (and your family!) will join us. Childcare will be provided at Westminster. Sign up for HOG day (and childcare) at wpc-online.org. Following our time at Carolina you are invited to Fluor Field for lunch, beverages, and a celebration of the community.

BAPTISM CLASS

If you are interested in having your child or children baptized at Westminster, you are invited to attend a brief class on baptism taught by Ben Dorr. The next class will be **Sunday, May 5**, at **3:30 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Please email Michelle in the church office at michelle@wpc-online.org if you are planning to attend. Save the date!

LET US PRAY FOR:

*Suzanne Schemm and family
Dale Gosnell and family
The Family of Zane Moore
Angie Falls and family*

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CUBA PRESBYTERIAN PARTNERSHIP

After a successful exploratory trip last year, the Witness and Service Committee is excited to offer an adult trip to Matanzas and Union de Reyes in central Cuba in **October 2019**. While in Cuba we will formalize our partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Union and join them in programming and education. We will also visit the seminary in Matanzas. If you are interested in the trip, we will offer an informational meeting on **Tuesday, April 30 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Charter Room**. Contact Leigh Stuckey for more details.

LIGHTLY SEASONED

Lightly Seasoned, a fellowship group for those in their fifties (very loosely defined), will meet **Saturday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m.** at the home of *Liz & Dan Einstein* (223 Camille Ave.). Watch your e-mail for more information, or, if you don't hear from us, contact *Susan Grier* (susan@grierfamily.org) for more information.

ADULT GROUPS

• **Movie Group:** Will meet **Sunday, April 28**. Contact *Janie Little* (jrlittle42@gmail.com) for details.

YOUNG ADULTS:

Save the date for our year-end celebration on **Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Blount Home** (15 Victory Ave.). We'll discuss one last parable and celebrate the Spring. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the **Low Country Boil at Brewery 85 on June 2!**

**NEW EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY:
Adult Sunday School
April 28-May 19**

We at Westminster believe that education is essential for discipleship, and hope that what you learn in this place will transform your living beyond our doors.

This year we will end our program year together with a unified class co-taught by Ben Dorr and Leigh Stuckey. We hope you will come explore "the life everlasting" with us!

**The Life Everlasting: Exploring Heaven, Hell, and Everything in Between Room 209
Ben Dorr and Leigh Stuckey**

Join Ben and Leigh for a trip through the afterlife. We'll consider biblical texts, cultural inventions, and our enduring fascination with what lies beyond. "The Life Everlasting" begins **April 28** and will run through **May 19**. Topics include:

- Resurrection and Easter
- Hell, Hades, and Sheol
- The Second Coming and Judgment Day
- Paradise and the Kingdom of God

MEN'S GROUP BOOK STUDY

The Men's Group will continue their book study on **Monday, April 29, at 6:00 p.m.** in **Room 209-C**. We are studying the book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, by Philip Yancey. All WPC men are invited to participate and newcomers are welcome. For more information, contact *Rick Carpenter* (608-1881).

WESTMINSTER BOOK CLUB

The Westminster Book Club meets the first Tuesday of most months, at **7:00 p.m.** in the **Library** and welcomes any who would like to join us. We will meet again on **Tuesday, May 7**, and will be reading from *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts. This is a rich novel imaging the story behind the book *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*. Contact associate pastor Barbara Stoop if you have questions (bstoop@wpc-online.org).

UNITED MINISTRIES

The food pantry is in need of peanut butter, dry milk, and other non-perishable food items. Donations may be left in the labeled cabinets in the Friendship Court. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATES

Sadly for us, the time has come for Barbara Stoop to retire. We will celebrate the wonderful ministry of Barbara soon. Mark these dates on your calendar:

- **Monday, June 24 5:45 p.m.** *Church dinner celebrating Barbara. We are creating fun activities for all ages in honor of Barbara's ministry.*
- **Sunday, June 30** *Barbara's last Sunday at Westminster.*

Share your photos of Barbara over the years with the church office. Special memories can be e-mailed to *Susan Robbins* at jamrobbins@aol.com.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 28 - May 4, 2019

SUNDAY

IHN departs
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Education Committee Meeting
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:15 a.m. Worship Service
12:30 p.m. Generations Banquet
Gifts & Gratitude Committee Meeting
4:30 p.m. Combined Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. APNC Meeting
Youth Picnic in Green Lot
8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study Group
6:15 p.m. NAMI
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. Al-Anon
6:00 p.m. Adult Cuba Mission Trip Meeting
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
3:00 p.m. "It's Elementary!" & Tweens
4:30 p.m. Junior & Senior Choristers
6:30 p.m. Divorce Support Group
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study
12:00 p.m. Endowment Committee Meeting
8:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

FRIDAY

12:00 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m. Hands on Greenville Day



For years and years she had suffered. A terrible, debilitating, fatal disease had gnarled her hands, withered her legs, depleted her strength. She was bed-ridden and had been for such a long time that, even if her feet could flatten, she could not walk a single step. She was on Hospice and on her deathbed. People had been praying — were praying. And that is when she miraculously rose from the bed and began to...CLICK.

I punched a button and changed the channel on the radio. This Christian radio interview with a man who wrote a book of modern day miracle stories had me rolling my eyes. "Oh, brother," I thought. "There is just no way this is legit."

And that is why the story of Thomas is so important to me.

In John 20 we learn about Jesus talking with the disciples after the resurrection. Verse 20 tells us, "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord." But Thomas was not there when Jesus came to the disciples. He had to get the knowledge of Jesus' resurrection second hand. His friends told him the amazing news. Something unbelievable had happened — a true miracle. But Thomas famously doubted. "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the marks of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe."

Our faith requires us to believe in some things that are, well, unbelievable. Sometimes that can be hard. Sometimes we have doubts. Do I believe that Jesus turned water into wine? Raised Lazarus from the dead? Was himself dead and buried, and on the third day, rose again from the dead?

Do I believe that the man who was promoting his book of miracles on the Christian radio station had stories of true modern-day miracles to tell?

These are good questions, and I have no good answers. But I do know that the story of Thomas is there for a reason, giving me comfort in times of doubt.

Like the father whose child had seizures and who cried out for Jesus to help (Mark 9:17-29), I can find myself saying, "Lord, I do believe; help my unbelief."

Let that be a prayer for us all - Lord, we believe. Help our unbelief.

Jennifer Shurley

CHURCH BARBECUE LUNCH on CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY, MAY 5

Join your Westminster friends and family for the annual barbecue lunch! Lunch will be served in the **Fellowship Hall** after the **11:15 a.m.** worship service. The barbecue will be catered by Charlie's. Our chef, Lisa, will be preparing sweet potato casserole, baked beans, chips and slaw. Nursery will be available for children under three. Sign up today at www.wpc-online.org. **Sign-ups end Monday, April 29.**

Name: _____

Adults (\$7.00) _____ Children 3-11 (\$3.50) _____

Ages of those needing childcare (Under age 3): _____